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PATENT
Customer No. 22,852
Attorney Docket No. 06478.1497

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)
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Gerhard MOERSDORF et al.) Group Art Unit: 3767
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Serial No.: 10/758,261) Examiner: GILBERT, ANDREW M
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Filed: January 16, 2004)
) Confirmation No.: 5706
For: STERILE SHEATH FOR AN)
INJECTION SYRINGE)

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

In an Office Action mailed October 20, 2006, the period for response having been extended to January 22, 2007 (January 20, 2007 is a Saturday) by a Petition for Extension of Time - Two Months and appropriate fee payment, the Examiner required restriction under 35 U.S.C. § 121 between the following groups of claims:

- I. Claims 1-23;
- II. Claims 24-30; and
- III. Claims 31-35.


Without necessarily agreeing with any of the characterizations or assertions set forth in the Office Action, Applicants provisionally elect to prosecute Group I, claims 1-23, with traverse.

Please grant any extensions of time required to enter this Response and charge any additional required fees to our Deposit Account No. 06-0916.

Respectfully submitted,

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Dated: January 22, 2007

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